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Status of Government Response to the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters: *The 2010 Federal Election: Report on the conduct of the election and related matters*

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The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) tabled its report, *The 2010 Federal Election: Report on the Conduct of the Election and Related Matters* (the report), on 7 July 2011. Accordingly, the Government's response to the report was due on, or before, 7 January 2012.


In accordance with the House of Representatives' resolution of 29 September 2010 I present this statement regarding the reasons for the delay in presenting the Government's response to the JSCEM report to the House.

A number of the Committee's 37 recommendations require detailed consideration and analysis in terms of implementation and implications for the electoral system. An Electoral Reform Taskforce comprising the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the Attorney-General's Department and the Australian Electoral Commission has done, and continues to do, significant work on this.

The Government is committed to taking action that is designed to ensure that all eligible Australians are able to participate in the electoral process and has identified a number of priority measures that will be addressed in the short-term.

By way of an interim response to the report, and to progress the priority measures, I intend to introduce legislation addressing these measures during the 2012 Autumn sittings.

A full response to all recommendations will be tabled in due course.



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